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Applicant: Ib MENDEL-HARTVIG et al. Conf.: 4436

Appl. No.: 09/972,882 Group: 1641

Filed: October 10, 2001 Examiner: G.W. Counts

For: ASSAY METHOD AND KIT THEREFOR

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Washington, DC 20231

November 14, 2002

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action issued August 14, 2002, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 9 with the following amended paragraph.

The term "amount" as used herein usually means binding capacity. Thus, for example, when it is stated that the amount of analyte-specific receptor is in excess of the amount of analyte, it means that there is more analyte-specific receptor than necessary to bind all analyte. Usually, there is a 1:1 reaction ratio between e.g. the analyte and the analyte-specific receptor, or between the analyte specific receptor and the immobilized receptor-binding